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Ant Society

A. Read the story. Then complete the activity.

You can see them crawling along the ground. They are very small, walking in lines, or following others. Ants make maps out of scents to find food. They work together to support each other.

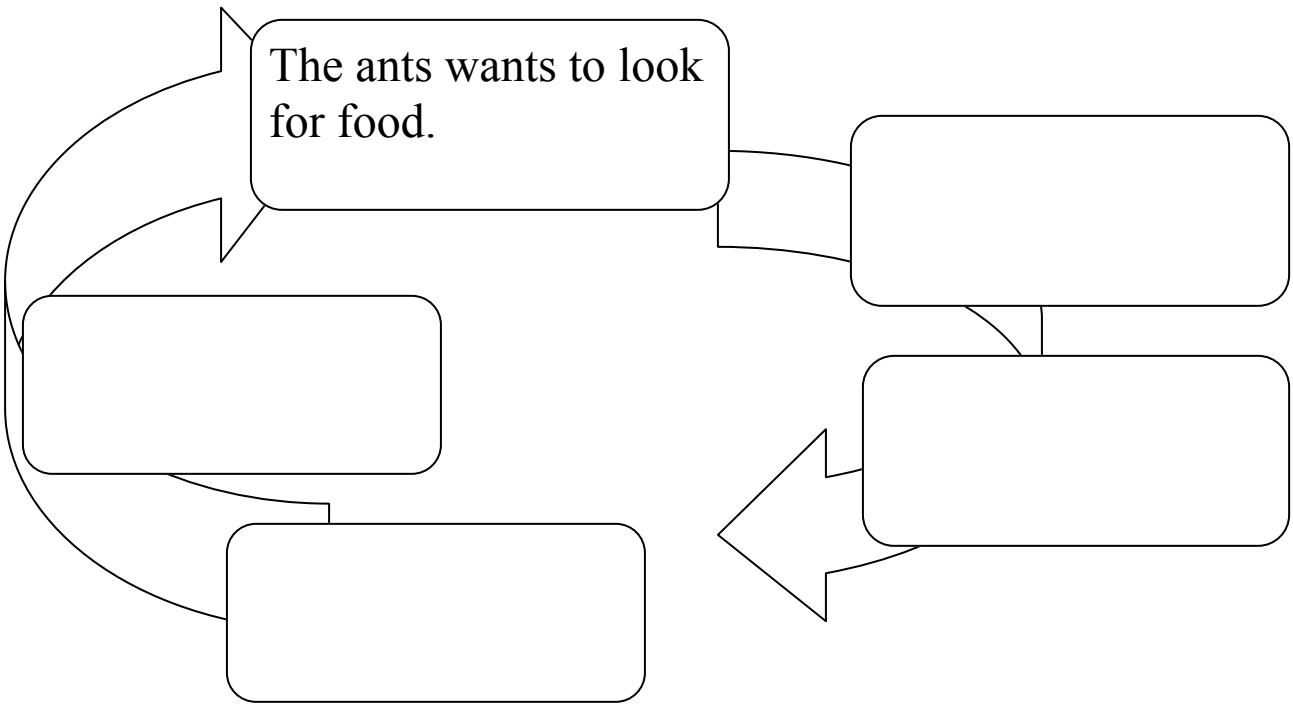
Ants are social insects that live together in a large colony. There are many jobs inside the colony. Worker ants are responsible for the colony. These ants have jobs like foragers and soldiers. They look for food, help to build the ant home, and protect the ant colony.

When ants look for food an ant will leave the colony and begin to scout for food. As the ant walks it creates a trail. It leaves scent on the trail to mark the path. This will help the ant return to the colony. The scent also helps other ants find and follow the trails that have food. Ants can forage for miles and miles looking for food. When they find they follow the trail back. Walking along the same trail increases the scent. As more ants use the trail the scent gets stronger and stronger.

Ants use scent for communication. The scent helps ants return to the colony. The next time you see ants looking for food think about how the make a scent map to remember their way.

B. What do worker ants do? _____

C. Complete the chart. How do ants look for food?



C. Could you use a scent map to look for food? Tell you partner what you think.